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## INDUSTRIAL WASTE SITE IDENTIFICATION STUDY Preliminary Field Investigations

#### Introduction

In 1979 a Site Inventory Study was undertaken to locate and identify old historic sites that were used and closed prior to 1971 when this Ministry began keeping records. The inventory was carried out by university researchers who sought out information and data from existing records and through field discussions with people who had been involved or had knowledge of waste management activities in the past years.

Recognizing that the Site Inventory Study would not identify locations used by an industry for its own waste, Ministry Regional staff compiled an inventory of such sites, which are listed in Appendix A "Inventory of Sites". In compiling the list sufficient flexibility was given to allow the inclusion of other sites, some still operating, which the Regions considered should also be investigated.

In October, 1980 the services of four consulting engineering firms were retained by the Ministry to determine if problems did exist at the sites identified in Appendix A. The two major concerns of this Ministry relate to the possible production of gas and leachate as a result of the waste undergoing chemical and/or biological change over a period of time. As a result the terms of reference were developed requiring the consultant to investigate and determine the presence of gas and/or leachate, and to identify impacts from their presence. The findings and recommendations are in Figures 1 and 2 respectively, and the

results are summarized by site in Appendix B. If further information is required, the consultants' reports complete with data sheets, aerial photographs, maps and detailed results of field measurements are available for review during office hours at MOE regional and head offices.

In all cases where the consultant identified an apparent problem, whether gas or water quality, the property owners, tenants, or persons in charge were notified. The owners or persons in charge of the sites, as well as the municipality in which the site was located, were each provided with the detailed results of the consultant's investigation.

The fact that gas was detected at a number of sites is not, by itself, significant. The movement of gas from a site to surrounding structures and the possible ensuing build-up in closed and confined areas is the prime concern. Similarly, some elevation in chlorides, for instance, or changes in other parameters such as pH, alkalinity or dissolved solids do not constitute a hazard or problem but do indicate that some source is impacting on water quality and further monitoring may be warranted.

It should be emphasized that the preliminary field studies were undertaken in an attempt to identify problems and not to quantify the extent of possible impairment.

Additional studies carried out by technically competent personnel will be required before detailed remedial

measures, where required, are engineered and implemented.

Ministry will provide technical support.

FIGURE 1
SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

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1	2	. 3	4	5	6	. 7	8	
No. of sites (Active)	No evidence of gas	No evidence of leachate	Evidence of gas	Evidence of leachate	Evidence of gas in structures	Waste unstable	Access to site uncontrolled	CONSULTANT REPORTING
7 (3)	4	2	3	5	0	0	0	Water & Earth Sciences
16 (4)	11	7	5	9	0	3	3	Gartner Lee Associates Ltd.
25 (6)	17	15	8	10	0	0	4	Monenco
4	2	1	2	3	0	0	3	Proctor & Redfern
52 (13)	34	25	18	27	0	3	10	
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FIGURE 2 SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS

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REGION/LOCATION	No Further Action Required	Access Requires Control	Further Monitoring Recommended	Further Study Recommended	Impact Identified	6 Other	CONSULTANT REPORTING
Southeastern (Kingston)	2	0	3	4	1	0	Water & Earth Sciences
Central (Don Mills/Toronto)	· 0 =	3	9	9	7	2	Gartner Lee Associates Ltd
West-Central (Stoney Creek)	7	4	3	12	1	5	Monenco
Southwestern (London)	0	3	3	2	2	1	Proctor & Redfern
TOTAL	9	10	18	27	11	8	

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APPENDIX A

Inventory of Sites

#### SOUTHEASTERN REGION

### PRIVATELY OWNED ON-SITE CHEMICAL

#### DISPOSAL FACILITIES

Company	Location	Status
Bakelite Thermosets	Belleville	Closed
E. MacDougall	Elizabethtown	Open for Septic Waste
H. Campbell & Sons	Lyn	Open for Septic Waste
Metada Limited	Rideau Road Gloucester Twp.	Closed
H. M. Grant	Lot 5. Conc. VI Gloucester Twp.	Closed
Gloucester Sand & Gravel	Lot 26. Conc. IV Gloucester Twp.	Open for dry Construction Waste
Courtaulds Canada Ltd.	Montreal Road Cornwall	Closed

#### Regional Co-ordinator:

Cornwall Office 2nd floor, 4 Montreal Road Cornwall, Ontario Mr. Ray Amell

#### Contractor:

Water & Earth Science Associates Limited, Ottawa in association with Gore and Storrie Ltd., Ottawa

#### CENTRAL REGION

### PRIVATELY OWNED ON-SITE CHEMICAL DISPOSAL FACILITIES

Company	Location	Status
Union Carbide	Oakville	Closed
Dufferin Construction	Oakville	Closed
Rockwell International	Milton	Closed
Beardmore Tannery	Halton Hills	Open
Canada Printing Ink	Burlington	Closed
DHI Limited	Mississauga	Closed
Corning Glass	Bracebridge	Closed
Courtice Auto Wreckers	Courtice	Closed
Gravel Pits, Lots 28&29 Conc. 3	Newcastle	Closed
General Motors	Oshawa	Closed
Robson Lang Tannery	Oshawa	Closed
Canadian Johns Manville	Scarborough	Open
Rohm & Haas Limited	Scarborough	Closed
Valley Road Landfill	Ajax	Closed
Eric Pauze Construction Ltd.	Tiny Township	Open

#### Regional Co-ordinator:

Contractor:

Barrie Office 12 Fairview Road Barrie, Ontario Mr. Ian Gray Gartner Lee Associates Limited Markham

in association with M. M. Dillon Limited, Toronto

#### WEST CENTRAL REGION

## PRIVATELY OWNED ON-SITE CHEMICAL DISPOSAL FACILITIES

Company	Location	Status
R. Brown Farm	Ancaster	Closed
Cyanamid Canada	Welland	Open
Shawinigan Chemical	St. Catharines	Closed
General Motors of Can	St. Catharines	Closed
Beaver Wood Fibre	Thorold	Open
Norton Company	Niagara Falls	Closed
Canadian Carborundum	Thorold	Open
Niagara Metals	Niagara Falls	Open
Cyanamid Canada	Niagara Falls	Closed
Fleet Industries	Fort Erie	Closed
Coniagas Reduction	Thorold	Closed
Domtar Fine Papers	St. Catharines	Closed
Stelco	Welland	Open
Welland Iron and Brass	Welland	Closed
Butler Metal	Cambridge	Closed
Dominion Tack & Nail	Cambridge	Closed
Telephone City Gravel	Twp. of Puslinch	Closed
D. McDonald Farm	Twp. of Puslinch	Closed
Prov. Of Ontario	Cambridge	Closed
Road 32 Holdings	Cambridge	Closed
Peplow Transport	Guelph	Closed
Peplow Transport	Twp. of Nichol	Closed

CompanyLocationStatusBell ThreadArthurClosedAllen BradleyCambridgeClosedH. Main FarmTwp. of FlamboroughSeptic Waste Only

#### Regional Co-ordinator:

Stoney Creek Office 140 Centennial Parkway North Stoney Creek, Ontario Mr. Ray Stewart

#### Contractor:

Monenco Ontario Limited 2 St. Clair Avenue East Toronto, Ontario

#### SOUTHWESTERN REGION

## PRIVATELY OWNED ON-SITE CHEMICAL DISPOSAL FACILITIES

Company	Location	Status
River Road Site	Twp. of London	Closed
Welland Chemical Ltd.	Sarnia Indian Reserve	Closed
Sarnia Landfill	Michigan Ave.	Closed
Barney's Pit	Reese's Corners, Plympton Twp.	Closed

#### Regional Co-ordinator

London Office 985 Adelaide St. S. London, Ontario Mr. Jim McRorie

#### Contractor

The Proctor & Redfern Group Toronto in association with Gartner Lee Associates Limited Markham

#### APPENDIX B

Synopsis of Recommendation

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REGION:	Southeastern

Water & Earth Science Assoc. Ltd. CONSULTANT: Gore & Storrie Limited

			1	2	3	4	5	6	
NO.	SITE NAME (COMPANY)	LOCATION (MUNICIPALITY)	No Further Action Required	Access Requires Control	Further Monitoring Required	Further Study Recommended	Impact Identified	OTHER	REFERENCE
1	Bakelite Thermosets Ltd.	Belleville				х			Section 1
2	Howard Campbell & Sons Ltd.	Township of Elizabethtown	х			,			Section 2
3	Courtaulds (Canada) Limited	Cornwall			х	х	3		Section 3
1	Gloucester Sand and Gravel Ltd.	Twp. of Gloucester			х		Х		Section 4
5	H.M. Grant Ltd.	Twp. of Gloucester		,	х	х		3	Section 5
5	E. MacDougall Ltd.	Twp. of Elizabethtown				х			Section 6

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REGION:	Southeastern

Water & Earth Science Assoc. Ltd.
CONSULTANT: Gore & Storrie Limited (2)

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CONSULTANT: Gartner-Lee Associates Ltd.

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NO.	SITE NAME (COMPANY)	LOCATION (MUNICIPALITY)	No Further Action Required	Access Requires Control	Further Monitoring Required	Further Study Recommended	Impact Identified	OTHER	REFERENCE
8	Courtice Auto Wreckers	Courtice			х				p. 9
9	Courtice Gravel Pits	Courtice				х			p. 12
.0	Robson Lang Tannery	Oshawa				х	х		p. 14
1	Oshawa Harbour Commission Site	Oshawa		Х		х	х		p. 18
2	Ajax Sanitary Landfill Site	Ajax				х			p. 21
3	Johns-Manville Canada Inc.	Toronto (East)			х				p. 24 cont'd

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REGION: Central

CONSULTANT: Gartner-Lee Associates Ltd. (2)

			1	2	3	4	5	6	
10.	SITE NAME (COMPANY)	LOCATION (MUNICIPALITY)	No Further Action Required	Access Requires Control	Further Monitoring Required	Further Study Recommended	Impact Identified	OTHER	REFERENCE
ŀ	Rohm & Haas Limited	Toronto (East)			х	^ ==	<u></u>		p. 28
5	D.H.I. Limited	Streetsville		х		X	х	Lagoon contents removed	p. 31
5	Dufferin Const.	Oakville		х	х				p. 34
7	Union Carbide Canada Ltd.	Oakville				х	х		p. 37
ı	Canada Printing Ink	Burlington			х	х	х	Contamin- ated soil removed	p. 37
	Rockwell Inter- national	Milton			х				p. 46

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REGION:	Central

CONSULTANT: Gartner-Lee Associates Ltd. (3)

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NO.	SITE NAME (COMPANY)	LOCATION (MUNICIPALITY)	No Further Action Required	Access Requires Control	Further Monitoring Required	Further Study Recommended	Impact Identified	OTHER	REFERENCE
0.0	Meco Holdings	Georgetown .			х				p. 49
21	Corning Glass Ltd.	Bracebridge			х				p. 66
2	Pauze Landfill	Tiny Township				х	х		p. 69
3	Beardmore Tannery	Acton			х	х	Х		p. 52

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REGION:	West-Central

CONSULTANT: Monenco Ontario Limited

			1	2	3	4	5	6	
10.	SITE NAME (COMPANY)	LOCATION (MUNICIPALITY)	No Further Action Required	Access Requires Control	Further Monitoring Required	Further Study Recommended	Impact Identified	OTHER	REFERENCE
4	R. Brown Farm	Ancaster		х		х			Part 1
5	Cyanamid Canada Inc.	Welland			х	х			Part 2
6	Shawinigan Chemical Co.	St. Catharines	х						Part 3
7	Ceneral Motors of Canada	St. Catharines	х						Part 4
3	Beaver Wood Fibre Co.	Thorold						Sawdust should be eventually removed	Part 5
)	Norton Company	Niagara Falls						Prevent runoff to watercours	Part 6

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REGION:	West-Central
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CONSULTANT: Monenco Ontario Limited (2)

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NO.	SITE NAME (COMPANY)	LOCATION (MUNICIPALITY)	No Further Action Required	Access Requires Control	Further Monitoring Required	Further Study Recommended	Impact Identified	OTHER	REFERENCE
0	Canadian Carborundum Co.	Niagara Falls	х						Part 7
1	Niagara Metals	Niagara Falls				х			Part 8
2	Cyanamid Canada Inc.	Niagara Falls			х	х	х		Part 9
3	Fleet Industries Ltd.	Fort Erie				х			Part 10
4	Coniagas Reduction Company	Thorold			х	х			Part 11
5	Domtar Fine Papers Ltd.	St. Catharines		х	_	_	-		Part 12

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REGION: West-Central

CONSULTANT: Monenco Ontario Limited (3)

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NO.	SITE NAME (COMPANY)	LOCATION (MUNICIPALITY)	No Further Action Required	Access Requires Control	Further Monitoring Required	Further Study Recommended	Impact Identified	OTHER	REFERENCE
36	Stelco Inc. (Welland Tube Works)	Welland						Maintain buffer zone bet- ween waste	Part 13
37	Welland Iron and Brass Ltd.	Welland	- , <b></b>				:	Post methane hazard	Part 14
38	Butler Metal Products Co. Ltd.	Cambridge				х			Part 15
19	Dominion Tack and Nail Ltd.	Cambridge	х				==		Part 16
0	Telephone City Gravel Ltd.	Cambridge				х			Part 17
1	D. McDonald Farm	Twp. of Puslinch		х		х			Part 18

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CONSULTANT: Monenco Ontario Limited (4)

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10.	SITE NAME (COMPANY)	LOCATION (MUNICIPALITY)	No Further Action Required	Access Requires Control	Further Monitoring Required	Further Study Recommended	Impact Identified	OTHER	REFERENCE
2	Province of Ontario	Cambridge				х			Part 19
3	Road 32 Holdings Ltd.	Twp. of Guelph	`			x			Part 20
4	Peplow Transport	Guelph		х		х			Part 21
5	Peplow Transport	Twp. of Nichol	х						Part 22
6	Bell Thread Company Ltd.	Twp. of Arthur	х						Part 23
7	Allen Bradley Company	Cambridge	х						Part 24

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REGION: West-Central

CONSULTANT: Monenco Ontario Limited (5)

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ic.	SITE NAME (COMPANY)	LOCATION (MUNICIPALITY)	No Further Action Required	Access Requires Control	Further Monitoring Required	Further Study Recommended	Impact Identified	OTHER	REFERENCE
8	H. Main Farm	Twp. of Flamborough						Change dis posal area for septic	
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REGION:	Southwestern
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The Proctor & Redfern Group CONSULTANT: Gartner Lee Associates Ltd.

			1	2	3	4	5	6	1
NO.	SITE NAME (COMPANY)	LOCATION (MUNICIPALITY)	No Further Action Required	Access Requires Control	Further Monitoring Required	Further Study Recommended	Impact Identified	OTHER	REFERENCE
49	River Road Site	Township of London		х	х	х	х		pp. 11-18
50	Welland Chemical Ltd.	Indian Reserve Sarnia				x	x		pp. 19-25
51	Sarnia Landfill	Michigan Ave. Township of Sarnia		х	х				pp. 26-33
52	Barney's Pit	Plympton Township		х	х			Site covered	pp. 34-39
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APPENDIX C

Terms of Reference

# TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR INDUSTRIAL WASTE SITE IDENTIFICATION STUDY, PART I, SITE INVESTIGATIONS

#### PREAMBLE:

In 1979, the Ministry of the Environment, Waste Management Branch carried out a survey of waste disposal sites which were in operation prior to 1971. The purpose of the study was to develop a master list of waste disposal sites to determine potential problems. By its nature, this type of survey did not involve the inclusion of waste disposal sites operated by industry for their manufactured by products.

The Ministry, under a separate terms of reference has initiated Phase II of the study requiring investigation of priority group #1 sites to determine public safety and environmental hazards potential of each site. Paralleling the Phase II study, the Ministry intends under these terms of reference to complete a similar investigation of industrial sites. The site will consist of two parts.

#### Part I

Will investigate the industrial sites listed to determine the public safety and environmental hazards potential of each. The investigations will be carried out under contract by qualified contractor(s).

#### Part II

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Will involve more detailed investigations of those sites where a potential problem identified in Part I requires such action.

#### TERMS OF REFERENCE:

#### Part I

The Contractor shall:

- Investigate each site in sufficient detail, using indicated paramaters, in order to determine whether further intensive studies should be undertaken to ascertain if a hazard exists to public safety or the environment.
- 2. Sample all surface water streams around the perimeter of the site within 100 metres and test for:
  - (i) chlorides
  - (ii) conductivity
  - (iii) sulphate
  - (iv) alkalinity
  - (v) hardness
  - (vi) pH
  - (vii) TDS/S.S.

Also any additional parameters that would be indicative of the industrial waste deposited at the site.

NOTE: Where sufficient data on background levels are not available, additional tests will be done to enable comparisons between up and down stream samples.

3. Sample all water wells within 100 metres on the landfilling site and test for same parameters as listed in item 2 above. Background levels for the groundwater supply should also be determined.

In addition water well records should be reviewed and sufficient water level measurements made to estimate the water table elevation together with the direction and rate of flow.

For the situation where no wells are located within 100 metres of the site; the contractor shall provide a plan for locating and drilling test wells for collecting

groundwater samples and for determining water table elevations. The plan to be approved by the Steering Committee. The costs associated with this additional work not be included in the contractors bid for the project.

4. Each site shall be tested for the presence of combustible hydrocarbon gases by the construction of one test well (2" D hole) into the waste on the site. Taking into consideration the particular waste disposed of on the site, other appropriate gases will be analyzed for either by field equipment or gas chromatography.

On sites larger than 1 (one) acre where the first well indicated the presence of gas or the nature of the waste would suggest that gas should be present, one additional test well per acre should be constructed at a reasonable distance and analyzed for gas as indicated above.

Buildings on or immediately adjacent to the site should be tested for the presence of hydrocarbons or appropriate gases, where the site wastes so indicate such action is warranted.

- 6. Inspect the general area in and around the site to ascertain if there are any leachate springs. Samples of the leachate should be collected and analyzed for the parameters listed in item 2 above. Further, an estimate of the quantity should be made and the point of discharge indicated.
- 7. Inspect the general area in and around the site to ascertain if there is any vegetation that has been affected by leachate or gas migration.

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8. Where lot and concession numbers are not available, U.T.M. co-ordinates will be provided.

#### GENERAL:

The contractor will undertake analysis in the field by using portable field testing (kits) equipment and in addition where necessary collect samples for laboratory analysis of parameters indicative of the types of waste disposed. If any of the field indicated parameters suggest that the water quality has been affected, the contractor shall collect two (2) litres of water sample and forward it to a laboratory for confirming analysis. M.O.E. laboratory facilities will not be provided for the contractor. laboratory shall test the sample for any additional parameters that may be used to compare existing water quality to that of background water quality. Parameters shall be selected in direct association with any dangerous waste which has been identified as being disposed of at the site. The occupant of homes using the water for supply shall be asked to describe any taste or odour problems. The local MOH shall be contacted to determine if any unusual health problems exist in the community.

If danger exists or is imminent, the contractor shall notify the Ministry of the Environment immediately on confirmation of test results.

The contractor shall identify appropriate studies which are considered necessary to develop abatement measures to remove any danger identified in the field investigation.

#### Project Management

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The study will be managed by a joint Steering Committee made up of representatives of M.O.E. Waste Management Branch and the region where the works will be carried out. The consultant will carry out the study under the direction of the joint Steering Committee.

#### Consultant Proposals

Proposals are invited from consultants or teams of consultants capable of undertaking the study, analyses and

report preparation. The consultant or team of consultants should have expertise in the areas of: -

- Solid waste management practices;
- Surface and groundwater hydrology.

#### Consultant Proposal Contents

The proposal should include the consultant's interpretation of the requirements of the study, together with description of the approach planned to facilitate carrying out the terms of reference, together with a schedule of tasks and milestones including the time required to complete the survey.

In addition, the consultant should also provide: -

- A list of key personnel who will be assigned to the project with identification of the areas for which each will be responsible. A resume for each person should be included.
- A description of team structures and accountabilities;
- A detailed cost estimate which includes manpower costs by individual or level and the per diem rate;
- 4. A very brief review of any recent assignments on similar projects.

#### Time and Cost Estimates

Consultants are to provide cost estimates to the joint Steering Committee for each individual site that will be investigated in the project. A work program detailing the time each site is investigated should be presented. The consultant will immediately notify the regional representative of any changes to the work schedule.

#### Meetings and Proposals

Weekly progress reports will be provided by the consultants to the joint Steering Committee and meetings will be held at least once per month or as specifically requested.

Six copies of the draft final report shall be provided to the joint Steering Committee, and after authorization of the draft, 20 copies of the final report will be required. The final report will be in a format to be determined by the joint Steering Committee. The report shall identify and provide recommendations for appropriate studies and remedial measures that may be required. Typed copies of Forms I and II attached will be included in the final report.

The final report must be concise and well presented. The final report will be completed at the earliest possible date and in no case later than December 15, 1980. This does NOT include those sites requiring hydrogeological exploratory work. The completion dates in that situaton will be on a site by site basis.

#### The Evaluation of Proposals

Each proposal will be evaluated by the members of the joint Steering Committee based on: -

- The consultant's understanding of the terms of reference and the scope of the project;
- The approach suggested to fulfill the terms of reference;
- 3. The experience, expertise and organization of the consultant or team of consultants assembled;
- 4. Cost and timing.

If necessary, applicants will be requested to attend an interview conducted by members of the joint Steering Committee. A consultant or team of consultants will be selected to carry out the study consequent to the interviews. (Carried out at M.O.E. Regional Offices.)

The joint Steering Committee reserves the right to reject any or all proposals.